

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INTELLOFAX 1

INFORMATION REPORT

CD NO.

25X1A

COUNTRY China

DATE DISTR. 4 Sept. 1951

SUBJECT Rumors Regarding LIN Piao

NO. OF PAGES 1

25X1A

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)DATE OF
INFO.

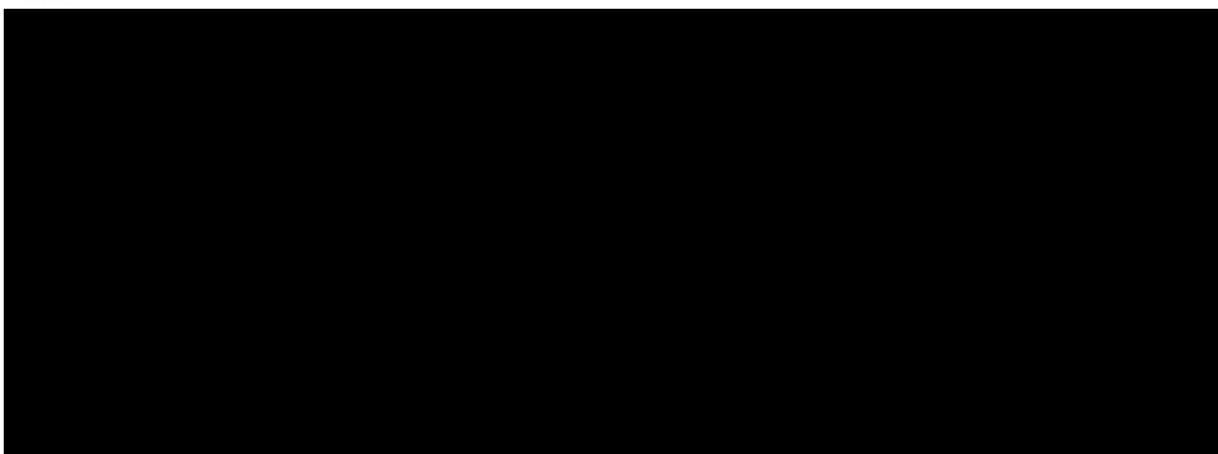
DO NOT CIRCULATE

SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

25X1X

Early April 1951, except as noted

REFERENCE COPY



1. On 25 November 1950 LIN Piao was killed in Pyongyang during a bombing raid.

2. Since April 1951 the rumor has been spreading in Mukden that LIN Piao was killed in an air bombardment. However, the Chinese Communists repeatedly refer to him as though he were alive, reporting that he has "gone to Russia" or that "he is in command of the Volunteers." It is characteristic of the Communist technique to try to camouflage a notable person's death. As the people in China have not seen LIN Piao in public for some time, there is speculation as to his whereabouts and the reason he was not chosen as a delegate for the cease-fire talks. ¹ TENG Hua, the Communist delegate for the cease-fire talks, holds no rank except his military position.²

25X1X

3. LIN Piao suffered the loss of one leg and one arm in the bombing in Korea and was taken to the Peiping Union Medical clinic for treatment.

25X1A

1. [REDACTED] Comment. On 28 August the China Daily News reported that LIN Piao will take charge of the Chinese forces in Korea if the cease-fire talks fail. The News said that 500,000 troops under LIN are massed on the Manchurian side of the Yalu River boundary with North Korea. The newspaper also reported that the Chinese Communists are dissatisfied with the failure of PENG Teh-huai to gain the upper hand at the cease-fire talks. See [REDACTED] for report on the state of LIN Piao's health.

25X1A

2. [REDACTED] for report that TENG Hua will be the new commander of the reorganized 4 Field Army.

Document No. 807
No Change in Class.
 Declassified
Plans, Programs, Tech TS S C
Action: Aug 21 By: 015
Date: Aug 21 By: 015

BY CABLE

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X NAVY	X NSRB	DISTRIBUTION	CINCFEF / FEAF / COMINCH / COMINCPAC / CINCPACFLT / COINNAVFE / COINNAVPHL / ALUSNAFAPL /
ARMY	X AIR	X FBI	COM7FLT	CINCPAC / COINNAVPHL / ALUSNAFAPL /

BY CABLE